

REMARKS

The assignee has appointed the undersigned to prosecute the above-identified patent application. A power of attorney appointing the undersigned was filed with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on July 14, 2004.

Claims 1 – 38 were pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 were rejected in the Office Action dated July 6, 2004. Applicants are amending claim 1, canceling claim 9, and adding new claims 39 – 43.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

In section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicant is canceling claim 9. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

In section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,434,375. In response, Applicant is amending claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 3, which was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1, as amended, and all its dependent claims are allowable and Applicant requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

In section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 3, 5, 8, and 10 – 12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant is amending claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 3 and adding new claims 39 – 43, which correspond with claims 5, 8, and 10 – 12, respectively.

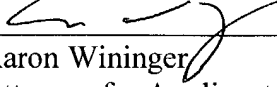
In section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 13 – 38. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowance and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid in this matter, please charge deposit account 05-0150 for the insufficiency.

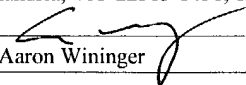
If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at +1.650.843.3375.

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